

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## RECOGNIZING MARINA MARTINEZ

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marina Martinez. She was a true leader and an inspirational woman who passed away on March 15, 2004.

A community activist in El Sereno, California, Marina Martinez promoted parental involvement and advocated for parental rights to ensure that every child receives a quality education. She began her lifelong commitment to children by volunteering both as a Girl Scout leader and Boy Scout den mother in 1959. Since that time, Marina chaired numerous organizations and provided leadership to many local, State, and Federal organizations. These organizations and positions included the Compensatory Education Advisory in 1972 and the Bilingual Teacher Training Center in 1976. Most notably, she was appointed by the dean of the School of Education to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Bilingual Teacher Training Center.

Marina Martinez also served as the council appointee to the Citizens Unit for Participation in Housing and Community Development in 1978 and was a proud member of other long-standing community-based organizations in El Sereno. These organizations included the Mexican-American Education Commission, National Clients Council for the Legal Aid Foundation, the Community Alliance for Education, and the El Sereno Community Coordinating Council.

Even with the tragic death of her son Ismael Martinez on December 7, 1980, Marina and her husband, Joe, did not move away from their El Sereno community. On the contrary, they turned their pain into strength and vowed to help other families with similar tragedies by establishing the Victims of Crime in El Sereno (VOCES). Several years ago, Marina's beloved husband, Joe, passed away.

Marina was a loving and caring community leader. Every Christmas, she made sure that victims of senseless violence would not be forgotten. Her message was shared throughout the community every December by organizing tree lighting ceremonies in Huntington Drive, with each tree decorated with red ribbons honoring the deceased victims.

I have known and supported Marina since my years as a California State Assembly member. She leaves behind three grown children and a beautiful community she helped build. She will always be remembered for her stewardship and hard work to improve her community and the citizens who lived in it. We will miss her greatly, and may she rest in peace.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROGER F. WICKER**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2004*

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on March 10 and 11, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 45, 46, 47, 54, 56, and 57. I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53.

## DARLENE MONTGOMERY RYAN

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Darlene Montgomery Ryan for being recognized as a 2004 honoree of the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World. Darlene Montgomery Ryan is the co-founder, principal owner, president and chief executive officer of PharmaFab, a contract pharmaceuticals formulator and manufacturer located in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

In February, the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World announced the names of the 2004 honorees who will be distinguished at an international awards ceremony and gala in Sydney, Australia, May 9–13, 2004. Chosen by an international selection committee from hundreds of nominees worldwide, these outstanding businesswomen represent nine countries and over \$600 million in annual sales.

PharmaFab, started by Darlene, her brother, and their father in late 1994, has been recognized as one of the 500 fastest-growing private companies in the United States for the past 3 years in a row. Prior to starting PharmaFab, Darlene was a partner in a worldwide accounting firm recognized as an expert in international taxation. She is a certified public accountant, with a BA in math and German from DePauw University and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

In addition to her leading role at PharmaFab, Darlene Montgomery Ryan is an officer in the Generic Pharmaceutical Association, which is dedicated to reducing health care costs for all of us. In her spare time, Darlene teaches Junior Achievement classes to low-income elementary school students, acts as a board member for several local charities, and is highly involved in her community.

I congratulate Darlene Montgomery Ryan for her contribution not only to my local community but also to our country for being only one out of the nine honorees to be recognized from the United States. I applaud her efforts and support her desire to improve health care in the United States.

## RELATING TO THE LIBERATION OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE AND THE VALIANT SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND COALITION FORCES

SPEECH OF

**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2004*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the degree to which the Republican Leadership has turned this resolution into a partisan political defense of President Bush's view of the war in Iraq. Instead of commending and thanking the men and women in our Armed Forces who are serving so bravely in Iraq, a resolution that would have probably been passed unanimously, this resolution rewrites history and justifies a war that need not have been fought. Yes. Saddam was a terrible dictator, but getting rid of him was not the reason why President Bush told us we had to go to war. The American people were told that we had to invade Iraq because Saddam had weapons of mass destruction that could be used against us, something which turned out not to be true. It is particularly outrageous that, in order to spin the war in as positive light as possible, this resolution does not say one word about our gratitude to the over 560 families who have lost a loved one in Iraq—including six Vermont families—or the over 2,800 soldiers who have been injured. What must these families be thinking when the sacrifice of their loved ones are not even acknowledged in this resolution? If Congressional Republicans really want to say thanks to the troops they should adequately fund veterans' benefits, increase military pay and provide the money to buy the body armor and other equipment our troops need. But using the sacrifice of our troops for partisan political advantage is something that I cannot support.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2004*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, all of us in this chamber are united in our commitment to support our troops in Iraq. It is that commitment that creates a strong presumption in my own mind on any resolution that recognizes their honorable goals, their services to country and their need for best support possible.

Along with my Democratic colleagues, we would also rush to sponsor and support a resolution that highlighted the crimes of Saddam

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